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SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING - DG APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

1. AT CLOSE OF BG SESSION FEBRUARY 23 (CONTINUED DEBATE
RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE
SCHEDULED TO RESUME FEBRUARY 24), DG EKLUND CONSULTED
WITH GOVERNORS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON APPOINTMENTS TO
FOLLOWING SENIOR LEVEL IAEA POSTS: A) DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF LANGUAGES -- PAUL COMBAUX (FRANCE). COMBAUX
HAS BEEN AGENCY STAFF MEMBER IN DIVISION OF LANGUAGES
SINCE 1957. B) DIRECTOR, LEGAL DIVISION -- DAVID
EDWARDS (UK). EDWARDS IS CURRENTLY LEGAL COUNSEL IN
UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. C) DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION TREATMENT, VLADIMIR
SHMELEV (USSR). SHMELEV HAS SERVED OFF AND ON IN
VARIOUS IAEA POSTS SINCE 1958 AND HAS BEEN SERVING
AS HEAD OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION TREATMENT UNIT
UNDER A SPECIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT SINCE EARLY LAST
YEAR. D) DIRECTOR, SAFEGUARDS DIVISION OF
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OPERATIONS II, THORU HAGINOYA (JAPAN). HAGINOYA
HAS SERVED WITH JAPANESE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU, MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON,
D.C.), AND MOST RECENTLY WITH MITSUBISHI METAL
CORPORATION.

2. CURRICULA VITAE FOR FOREGOING CANDIDATES
FOLLOWS SEPARATELY BY AIRGRAM.

3. NO RPT NO SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED ABOUT
ANY OF THESE CANDIDATES. FYI. DG DECIDED TO PROCEED
WITH APPOINTMENT OF HAGINOYA DESPITE OUR STRONG PRIVATE
URGING TO THE CONTRARY. END FYI. GOVERNORS TOOK
OCCASION TO PRESS FOR GREATER ROTATION AMONG SENIOR
POSTS AND FOR MORE RECRUITMENT FROM DEVELOPING
NATIONS. SOVIET ACTING GOVERNOR EROFEEV URGED
FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS OF USSR NATIONAL FOR DIVISION
OF LANGUAGES DIRECTOR POST. DG INDICATED AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE TO QUESTION OF ROTATION BUT STRESSED
THAT EXCELLENCE OF CANDIDATE COMES FIRST.

4. I TOOK OCCASION TO ALERT DG AND GOVERNORS THAT
SAFEGUARDS POSTS, INCLUDING YET TO BE NAMED DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS DIVISION I (REPLACEMENT FOR NAKICENOVIC)
ARE MOST IMPORTANT. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SAFEGUARDS
INFORMATION TREATMENT POST REQUIRES HIGH EXPERTISE
AND, WHILE SHMELEV IS VERY CAPABLE, AGENCY
WILL BENEFIT BY BRINGING EQUALLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS
FROM OTHER NATIONS FOR THIS POST IN FUTURE. MY
REMARKS WERE INTERPRETED PROPERLY, NAMELY, THAT
THIS IS NOT A "PERMANENT" SOVIET POST.

5. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION RE CANDIDACY OF HAGINOYA
FOR SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS DIVISION II POST, WHO WAS
SUPPORTED BY INDIAN, FRG, POLISH, SOUTH AFRICAN AND
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DANISH GOVERNORS, I ASKED TO ADDRESS IN GENERAL
TERMS QUESTION OF STAFFING OF SAFEGUARDS
OPERATIONS DIVISION POSTS, EMPHASIZING NEED FOR
EXCELLENCE, INTERNAL MANAGEMENT STRENGTH AND EXTERNAL
ACCEPTANCE BY INSPECTED STATES. THIS WAS INTENDED
TO CONVEY OUR VIEW THAT HEAD OF SAFEGUARDS OPERA-
TIONS DIVISION I POST (CURRENTLY HELD BY NAKICENOVIC)
IS NOT COMMITTED TO ANY ONE REGION (READ EASTERN
EUROPE). THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL
GOVERNORS, E.G., AUSTRALIA, FRG AND UK. SOVIET
ACTING GOVERNOR STATED THAT, SINCE GENERAL QUESTIONS
BEYOND CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC CANDIDATES HAD BEEN
RAISED, AND ALTHOUGH EXCELLENCE OF CANDIDATES IS
IMPORTANT, AGENCY IS AN INTERNATIONAL BODY, AND
REPRESENTATION FROM VARIOUS REGIONS MUST BE
RECOGNIZED, AND UNIVERSALITY MUST BE
CONSIDERED.

6. DG INFORMED GOVERNORS THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE

APPOINTMENTS AT CONCLUSION OF BOARD MEETING. TAPE

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